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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Heritage Program is currently recording the Mill Creek Hydroelectric System on the Salt Lake Ranger
- The 2013 Passport in Time Project to re-roof the Blacksmith's Fork Guard Station on the Logan Ranger District was a success.
- The final "Decisions in the Desert" Passport in Time Project collected the last obsidian samples for the research project in the Sheeprock Mountains. This project was located on the Vernon Unit, managed by the Spanish Fork Ranger District.

Watershed Survey Upper Provo Relics of the Lumber Reveals Industry

One of the priority forest projects the Heritage Team worked on this year involved the Upper Provo Watershed, which is bisected by the Mirror Lake Highway. The Heber-Kamas Ranger District is proposing numerous projects to improve the watershed. These projects involve everything from vegetation treatment / forest fire fuels reduction, to addressing environmental damage done by off highway vehicles being driven in unauthorized areas.

The seasonal heritage crew, headed by University of Utah PhD candidate Ashley Grimes, surveyed many of the potential

An abandoned lumber park still waiting

project areas for the presence of previously unidentified archaeological and historic sites.

The crew identified a number of historic logging areas, sawmill sites, and camps dating between the 1930s-

1950's. Some still had an impressive amount of lumber stacked and ready to go. The logging trucks ceased to run and now those lumber parks stand a silent vigil to an industry that supplied jobs and livelihood to the local area.



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for the logging trucks to return.

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Archaeologists were excited about this find! One of the fun things about studying artifacts is when you find an object that has been modified from its original purpose and made to fit a different need. A term we often use to describe this is "adaptive re-use". Can you tell what this can became after it was modified? Answer on Page 6.



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"They Don't Make Them Like They Used To": A Modern Re-imagining of North Slope History.



Based on architectural details, associated artifacts, and historic records, Forest Archaeologists have placed this cabin's original construction between 1910-1912.

The above title is the kindest way modifications" that were we could put the fact that your historic resources on the North Slope are being vandalized in a new and unique way. Instead of destruction through vandalism, we now have "construction" through vandalism.

A number of cabins on the North Slope are being modified into party shacks and hunting/recreation cabins. The cabin in the photo above is near the head of Millcreek, and is one of three such "cabin

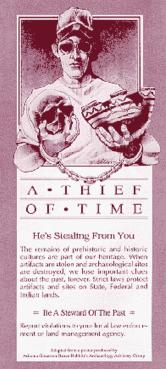
discovered this year by Forest Service personnel.

In a strange twist of logic, it may be that the individuals engaged in the offences may actually think they are "helping" these cabins. This assumption, however, would be wrong.

Not only are they hastening the cabins' demise by nailing and pounding on the deteriorating historic logs, they often remove original pieces of the cabin and replace them with whatever they can scrounge up. Along with the unauthorized use of the cabins also comes increased vandalism in the form of graffiti, structural damage, and trash.

The UWC is attempting to curb this destruction by educating the public through Cultural Resource Protection signage, and talking with the public in the field.

Forest staff are also increasing monitoring of these resources, in order to prevent damage, and ascertain who is causing it in the first place.



If you have information about vandalism related to these structures, or any vandalism to historic / prehistoric sites on the National Forest, contact Tom Flanigan at 801-999-2162

Heritage Resource that are 100 years old or older, are protected by both criminal and civil penalties by the Antiquities Act of 1906 and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

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A Good Fence Makes for Good Neighbors: Creative Heritage Site Protection.

Three Ranger Districts engaged in creative Heritage Site protection projects by using serpentine fencing during the summer of 2012.

1) The Blacksmith's Fork Guard Station on the Logan Ranger District was experiencing increasing vandalism. It was thought that part of the reason for this was that the public saw the guard station as abandoned.

The fence was the first step in reclaiming the guard station, and integrating it into the cabin rental program (more about this and updated work in the next issue).

2) Pleasant Grove Ranger District's Graveyard Flat Project.

Some interpretation as been at Graveyard Flat for a long time. There are also photos showing a fence around the cemetery in commenced on June 26, 1866 the past.

Unauthorized OHV use in the area as well as a loss of grave markers has made it

increasing difficult to identify and protect where we believe the actual cemetery to be.

Cheryl Butler and Charles Rosier led a group of volunteers to put a protective fence around the remnants of the cemetery as we know it today.

The UWC is currently working up new, accurate, interpretation for the site.

3) Spanish Fork Ranger District's Black Hawk War Monument also received a protective fence courtesy of an Eagle Scout Project.

While the exact location of the "battle" is unknown, there are likely numerous spots throughout Diamond Fork that were the locations of firefights.

The battle itself was more of a running skirmish. The fight as a result of a cattle raid by "Mountain" the brother of Black Hawk (Peterson 1998:305).







For More information about the Black Hawk Saga, check out Utah's Black Hawk War, by J. Peterson, University of Utah Press, 1998 (cited in this article).

Ashley Grimes Seasonal Archaeologist

Ashley received her Masters Degree in anthropology from the University of Utah in 2011 and is currently working on her PhD in at the U of U as well.

Ashley came to the UWCNF with a wealth of experience

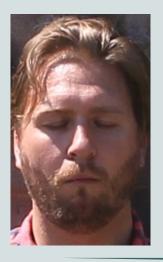
in cultural resource management, and served as our crew leader for the summer.

Ashley oversaw one of largest projects of 2012, which was the Upper Provo Watershed Project.

She became known as the Maven of the Mirror Lake Highway as she ran the crew all over the Kamas area in search of archaeological and historic sites.

We are pleased to have her back for the 2014 season!





Jacob Pollock Seasonal Archaeologist

Jacob came to the UWC from the private sector where he worked for a Cultural Resource Management firm.

Many of the projects he worked on carried him to central and eastern Nevada. During the course of these projects he gained experience on numerous types of archaeological and historic sites from a myriad of time periods.

Jacob has worked for the UWC for two seasons and is actively pursuing placement

in a graduate program.

Jacob has a number of research interests, and is currently enamored with Fremont era Native American sites located on our Vernon Unit.

Lacy Bessette Seasonal Archaeologist

After a year of volunteering for the UWNCF Heritage Program, Lacy obtained a seasonal student position with us, and we couldn't be happier!

Lacy was raised in California and moved to Missoula, Montana in 1999, there she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from the University of Montana. While attending school Lacy met her husband Brad and in 2007 they moved to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lacy is taking classes at the

University of Utah, and weighing her options for graduate programs.

Lacy became an expert angler over the summer, and caught a number of her own meals while camped out doing fieldwork.



Shiva Discovered!



In our never ending search of cultural resources on the forest, we stumbled upon an amazing find this year! Actually, a member of the public called our office wondering if we had any information about a "Hindu" monument.

We get some pretty strange calls at the UWCNF so I didn't put much stock in it until we were sent a photo of the "Hindu" monument. Well guess what? It's a Hindu monument. A representation of Shiva to be exact.

A brass plate affixed to the bottom of the 4.5 foot high statue reads that it is a copy of the original, which is found in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal, and dates to the Transitional Period between 900-1000 AD.

Although it is obviously a recent addition to the forest. It is likely the only representation of Hindu statuary on the public lands system of the United States.

Paleoindians on the North Slope?

While performing archaeological surveys on the North Slope of the Uinta Mountains, archaeologists discovered some very interesting artifacts this summer.

These surface finds are not definitive, but they appear to have the hallmarks of paleoindian technology.

Archaeological finds from the surrounding areas, and common sense, infer that paleoindians used the areas that are now managed by the UWCNF. However, concrete evidence remains scarce.

Not only are these types of sites relatively rare to begin with, but when one couples that with the depositional

history of the North Slope, and adds in a healthy layer of vegetation and pine needle duff, prehistoric surface sites from any time period are difficult to identify.

The Heritage Program has done an excellent job of publicizing our ongoing efforts to record and interpret the Historic Era resources on the North Slope. We are pleased to also promote the 15,000 + years of prehistory as well.

We hope that continuing work on the North Slope will result in more information about our prehistoric predecessors, and how they embedded their lives on the land.

The Paleoindian Period dates between circa >14,000-8,500 years ago.



The artifacts above are 2 common types of later Paleoindian technology. The artifact on the left is a graver used to incise wood, bone, or perhaps punch a hole in leather.

The artifact on the right is similar to a Hell Gap or Haskett spear tip or knife.

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Recommended Reading

"This is the chronicle of a most remarkable trip in 1776 through the Rocky Mountains, the eastern Great Basin, and the Colorado Plateau. Led by Fray Francisco Atanasio Domínguez." Published by the University of Utah Press, http:// www.uofupress.com/.

Find it at your local library!



What's Coming Up

We will be doing another Passport in Time Project to continue work on the Blacksmith's Fork Guard Station Complex. This complex is located on the Left Hand Fork on the Logan Ranger District.

The project will likely run in late August or early September. Keep an eye on the Passport in Time website for the open season on the volunteer application.

Also stay tuned for our next newsletter which will be out soon, and will describe the 2013 PIT project at the Blacksmith's Fork Guard Station. (As this one is woefully late).

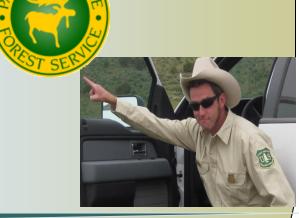
The Heritage Program has applied for funding to explore the High Uinta's Wilderness for archaeological sites.

The funding request and project were created to capitalize on the 50th Anniversary of Wilderness

While we know we have a wealth of archaeological and historic sites in the Wilderness, we have the alternative problem that we never have a change to spend time in the Wilderness to record the resources.

Keep your fingers crossed and look to the next issue to see how we fared.

Remember to check out www.passportintime.com for volunteer opportunities nationwide!!



Answer to "What Am I" on page 1

This is a forerunner to the camp stoves you can buy at sporting good stores. This little can was modified to become a heat source!